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Mr. Rick J. La Falce
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Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mr. La Falce:

Your letter to Mr. Sidney W. Souers, Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, has been referred to me for reply.

You must understand that the Central Intelligence Agency was organized some time after the dissolution of the Office of Strategic Services, and as a new and separate entity. I, therefore, have no authority whatsoever either to grant or deny permission to make a documentary film on the OSS. Any documentary information concerning OSS which is now in our files is, of course, classified in the interests of national security, and cannot be released.

I fully realize your problem in this regard, and regret our inability to help you.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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Executive Secretary, NSC
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Mr. Sidney W. Souers
Executive Secretary
National Security Council
Old State Department Building
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D C

Dear Mr. Souers:

I have received a communication from one of my clients, a Hollywood motion picture producer, who expressed the wish to make a documentary feature picture based on the Office of Strategic Services.

I would appreciate it very much if you would advise me as to the proper person with whom I should communicate to get the required information, permission and clearance.

I understand that the Central Intelligence Agency is under the direction of the National Security.

Please accept my sincere gratitude for any assistance you may be able to give me on this matter.

Respectfully,

/s/ Rick LaValce
Rick J. La Falce

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NOTE FOR RECORD:

Above ltr forwarded by Memo to DCI from Hugh D. Farley, Asst Executive Secretary, NSC on 19 July "The attached letter to Mr. Souers from Mr. La Falce with respect to making a film on OSS is referred herewith to the Central Intelligence Agency for direct reply."

cc: Director
Executive, I&S
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